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SUBJECT: APRIL 7 SYRIAN MEDIA REPORTING ON LEBANON

1. DAMASCUS BROADCASTING LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING  
REPORTED THAT PRES. ASAD RECEIVED PFLP-GC POLITBURO HEADED  
BY AHMAD JIBRIL AT 1100 AND IMAN MUSA SADR AT 2130  
APRIL 6. WITH PFLP-GC DELEGATION ASAD REVIEWED LEBANESE  
SITUATION. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT "EVENTS IN LEBANON WERE  
PART OF THE GRAND CONSPIRACY WHICH ACCOMPANIED SIGNING OF  
SINAI ACCORD IN ORDER TO COVER IT UP AND TO UNDERMINE PALESTINIAN  
CAUSE." THEY STRESSED NEED TO STOP CONFESSIONAL FIGHTING  
AND CONSOLIDATE CEASEFIRE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE RESUMPTION  
OF SYRIAN MEDIATION. ASAD AND SADR DISCUSSED EFFORTS TO  
REACH POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF CRISIS.

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2. AL-BAATH CAPTIONED ITS REPORTING ON LEBANON:

"LEBANESE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WILL MEET THIS COMING SATURDAY TO PAVE WAY FOR ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC. NOTICEABLE CALM PREVAILS IN BEIRUT." PRESS REPORTING NOTED JIBRIL AND SADR VISITS, AND DETAILED EFFORTS IN BEIRUT TO SETTLE CRISIS. KAMAL AS'AD ANNOUNCED THAT PARLIAMENT WOULD MEET ON SATURDAY TO BEGIN PROCESS OF AMENDING ARTICLE 73 OF CONSTITUTION. MEETING PLACE -- HOUSE OF DEP. HUSAYN MANSUR -- REPORTEDLY CHOSEN FOR SECURITY REASONS. AS'AD URGED ALL DEPUTIES TO ATTEND SESSION. ACCORDING TO PRESS, HE DENOUNCED CURRENT SPATE OF DEMAGOGUERY IN LEBANON AND WARNED THAT IF MILITARY ESCALATION CONTINUED LAST OPPORTUNITY MIGHT BE LOST TO SETTLE CRISIS.

3. TISHRIIN CITED KUWAITI AL-RAI AL-AAM ARTICLE WARNING THAT LEBANESE EVENTS WERE AIMED AT UNDERMINING PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE AND CAUTIONING PALESTINIANS TO BE ALERT TO POSSIBLE MANUEVERS AGAINST THEM.  
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